



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTES

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) awards for Jordanian scholars. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State for a period of six weeks beginning in June of 2012.

The program will provide participants with opportunities to broaden the cultural and historical base of courses they design and teach by enriching their knowledge of U.S. society, culture, values, history and institutions past and present.

The American Embassy will cover the costs of international and other travel in the United States and will provide a daily allowance to cover most of the participants' normal expenses. Please note that under our regulations, spouses or other family members may not accompany the participants during the program.

Eligibility requirements can be found on page 3 of this document.

The Study of the United States Institutes program will offer the following sessions:

U.S. Culture and Society

--Host Institution: New York University

--Program Date: Mid June – early August 2012

--Program description: The program will provide a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values and institutions. The program examines some of the critical historical epochs, movements, issues and conflicts that have influenced the development of the U.S. nation and its people, and includes a strong contemporary component, particularly current political, social, and economic issues and debates.

American Politics and Political Thought

--Host Institution: University of Massachusetts, Amherst

--Program Date: Mid June – early August 2012.

--Program description: The program will provide a deeper understanding of U.S. political institutions and major currents in American political thought. The institute will provide the participants with insight into how intellectual and political movements have influenced modern American political institutions. It will offer an overview of political thought during the country's foundational period, and the development and current

functioning of the American presidency, Congress and the federal judiciary. The institute will also address modern political and cultural issues in the United States (including but not limited to civil rights, women's rights, immigration, etc.), and the significance of public discourse in the formulation of public policy.

Contemporary American Literature

--Host Institution: University of Louisville

--Program Date: Mid June – early August 2012.

--Program description: The program will provide a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of contemporary American literature. Its purpose is twofold: to explore contemporary American writers and writing in a variety of genres; and to suggest how the themes explored in those works reflect larger currents within contemporary American society and culture. The program will explore the diversity of the American literary landscape, examining how major contemporary writers, schools and movements reflect the traditions of the American literary canon. At the same time, the program will expose participants to writers who represent a departure from that tradition, and who are establishing new directions for American literature.

U.S. Foreign Policy

--Host Institution: University of Florida

--Program Date: Mid June – early August 2012.

--Program description: The program will provide a deeper understanding of how U.S. foreign policy is formulated and implemented. The Institute will focus on United States Foreign Policy making through an exploration of domestic politics and players with emphasis on how each entity shapes U.S. perspectives and action on international issues. The four-week academic residency program will be complemented by two weeks of study tours of diverse loci of foreign policy-making: including Chicago and Washington, DC. The Institute program will also include day trips to Orlando, Tampa, Tallahassee, and historic St. Augustine.

Journalism and Media

--Host Institution: Ohio University

--Program Date: Mid June – early August 2012.

--Program description: The program will provide a deeper understanding of the roles of journalism and the media in U.S. society. It will examine major topics in journalism, including the concept of a “free press,” First Amendment rights, and the media's relationship to the public. The legal and ethical questions posed by journalism will be incorporated into every aspect of the institute. The program will cover strategies for teaching students of journalism subjects including researching, reporting, writing, and editing. It will also highlight technology's impact on journalism, addressing the influence of the Internet, the globalization of the news media, the growth of satellite television and radio networks, and other advances in media that are transforming the profession.

Religious Pluralism in the United States

--Host Institution: University of California at Santa Barbara

--Program Date: Mid June – early August 2012.

--Program description: The program will provide a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of religious pluralism in the United States and its intersection with American democracy. It aims at employing a multi-disciplinary approach, drawing on fields such as history, political science, sociology, anthropology, law and others where appropriate. The program will explore both the historical and contemporary relationship between church and state in the United States; examine the ways in which religious thought and practice have influenced, and been influenced by, the development of American-style democracy; review the intersections of religion and politics in the United States in such areas as elections, public policy, and foreign policy; and explore the sociology and demography of religion in the United States today, including a survey of the diversity of contemporary religious beliefs and its impact on American politics.

Requirements for Eligibility:

1. The ideal participants should be mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-50, with little or no prior experience in the United States (graduate of U.S. institutions are not eligible), highly-motivated and experienced professionals from institutions of higher education, whose institutes are seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. studies into the curriculum; to develop new courses on American Studies; and to enhance and update existing courses on the United States.
2. The applicant must be a Jordanian citizen.
3. The applicant must have a doctorate or its equivalent in professional training or experience and must be currently engaged in teaching or significant research at a Jordanian university or institution.
4. The applicant must be fluent in English. Grantees will be expected to handle substantial reading assignments in English and to be full and active participants in all seminar and panel discussions.

For further information on the program, please contact Ms. Basma Amawi at the Cultural Section of the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Tel: 590-6574; Fax: 592-0121; E-mail: amawibm@state.gov.

Application Procedures

If you are interested in applying for the Study of the United States Institutes awards, please send via email your C.V. along with a short personal statement (between 1-3 typed pages) indicating why you are interested in participating in the program and what you hope to get out of the experience. Applications are due by November 20, 2011 to Ms. Basma Amawi at amawibm@state.gov.

We look forward to hearing from you.